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SUBJ: ARREST OF TWENTY-ONE "COMMUNISTS" ANNOUNCED BY GOB

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED FEBRUARY 11 A GOB ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DETENTION OF TWENTY-ONE (21) PERSONS IMPLICATED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN LA PAZ AND ELSEWHERE IN BOLIVIA. MINISTER OF INTERIOR JUAN PEREDA TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE GROUP (MOSTLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS) WAS COMPOSED OF TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE BOLIVIA COMMUNIST YOUTH; TWO MEMBERS OF THE MOVIMIENTO DE IZQUIERDA REVOLUCIONARIO (MIR), AND SEVEN OF THE PARTIDO OBRERO REVOLUCIONARIO (POR). DOCUMENTS SEIZED SAID THE MINISTER, INDICATED THAT THE GROUP WITH EXTERNAL FINANCING PLANNED TO CAUSE SOCIAL CONFLICTS IN VARIOUS SECTORS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF CLASS STRUGGLE, TO DIVIDE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, TO MANIPULATE THE STUDENTS AND PROVOKE REACTIONS DISTURBING THE SOCIAL PEACE. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS ACCOUNT NO ARMS WERE FOUND DURING THE ARRESTS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION THE INTERIOR MINISTER OPINED THAT THE DISCOVERY OF THIS PLOT WOULD NOT ALTER GOB PLANS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE (DEMOCRATIZE) THE COUNTRY. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOB WILL CONTINUE TO RESPECT
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HUMAN RIGHTS. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE ALWAYS BEING USED AS A WEAPON BY THE EXTREMISTS THE MINISTER ADDED.

3. PEREDA THEN NOTED THAT TO REUTT SUCH ALLEGATIONS THE UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR SOON WILL TRAVEL TO GENEVA WHERE HE WILL DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE ACTUAL

CONDITIONS IN BOLIVIA BEFORE THE QUOTE ORGANIZATION FOR
THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS UNQUOTE (PRESUMABLY UN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION). DENUNCIATIONS (OF BOLIVIAN
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS) TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
ARE FAR FROM REALITY AND EVIDENTLY INTENDED TO CONFUSE
INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AND CREATE A FALSE PICTURE
THE MINISTER STATED.
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